
CONNECTION THROUGH CHRIST
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Sermon Title: "Vision 101: Gathering and Growing"

Scripture text: Ephesians 1:1-16

Outline:

1. How we Gather: Through Worship and Fellowship
2. How we Grow: Through the Word, Service and Discipleship

Questions:

1. **Ice Breaker Question** — When you think of NEPC, what is the first thing you think of? Is it our beautiful sanctuary with the big white steeple?
2. **Transition Question** — Why do many people – even some Christians – tend to think of churches more as institutions and less as a group of people?
3. **Observation Question** — What can we learn from the Greek word “ekklesia”, which we translate “church”? What does the word mean and what are its implications for the church today?
4. **Reflection Question** — Why is worship and fellowship so central to the life of a healthy church?
5. **Reflection Question** — Where are you experiencing the Word of God, service and discipleship in your walk with Christ?
6. **Application Question** — How can you personally grow in the areas of gathering and growing? How can you help your church grow in the areas of gathering and growing?